COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Banks Are Forced to Close Their Doors.

TRAL ASSIGNMENTS ARE MADE

and Changes in Busines eted from Different Quarper-Matters in Texas.

da, Ill., December 29.-William and S Van Nerthwick's bank did not open today. Although over \$2000 was in yesterday in deposits, no trouble gised or excitement created outside tution. Something over \$4000 was

who was in charge of the Van naick bank, said today he had no inthat the bank would highlan-1430 p. m., when C. H. Wilson, repreinto the bank and said that he had ent down by the company to take

bink?" was asked of Cashier Grimes. enment made by the Van Norththeir homesteal. They and it is my beller that the bank will be vill be publ dollar for

id a meting has night to dis-sk for today, and gave out the he First National would be

Orago, December 29.—Mr. Lyman A. wen entrusted with the assignment pa and from Batavia. When seen he als ner the

Coneva and the Western Paper Bag hany at Barrers, has not yet affected. river valley properties or any of 000 of the Atlas bank of orthwick was president, will blin's Van Northwick has president and director and been filled by Lamar Olma place has been filled by Lamar Olmina of president and John "AcNaugation of the sentent. No run has begun on the bank, bough the news of the embarrassment of as van Northandas has created a turry names circles and is the one topic of alorest throughout the city today. It is mired that the John affairs of the Van Nethanks name from the individual artists of William in whose interest the dama at least were incurred, will come of all right Chicago dispatches place the cure habilities of the brothers at \$5.00. While the combined tock plant alone is took nearly double that amount. Mr. John L. Yan Northanks a refuses absolutely to be better took of the plant alone in the complete of the plant alone in the plant alone in the complete of the plant alone in the plant al

WILL PAY IN FULL.

Chicago, December 23.—Attorney A. W. who drew up the assignment pawho drew up the assignment parts of the Banavia bank, disclosed the sament causes, which led up to the assignment Same the Atlas bank's liquidation, the most fash, he said, was the recent failure to appear of the Van Northwicks against loss.

Washington Bank's liquidation, the most fash, he said, was the recent failure to appear of 500,000 worth of bonds on the bank of 500,000 worth of bonds on the basion market, secured by the great sears, which will further insure the depositors against loss.

Washington Bank.

Washington Bank.

Minneapolis, Minn. December 29.—The Washington bank, a State institution closed and the bank should have of the bonds and the bank was aurounced. That immediately ash bank as the two the bonds and the bank were thrown upon their each bank well have been titled the park would have been titled the park was the recent allowed the park was first the morning at secial arts of the bank and all would be park and the park the park that the management departs this morning at secial arts of the park and the park the pa ent in an interview today. Article

and there is no question but in time when all the assets are liquidated there will be money enough for all creditors and some left for the Van Northwicks."

ECKELS ON THE SITUATION.

He Peels No Apprehension on Account of Recent Pattures. Washington, December 25.-Comptroller of the Currency Eckels said this afternoon that he feels no apprehension over the cank faitures which have occurred of late. Two more failures, the Commercial National bank of Roanoke, Va., and the Coumbla National bank of Minneapolis, were added to the list today. They were comparatively small institutions, however, and ander ordinary circumstances their failure, it is said, would attract only passing attention. Mr. Eckels when asked today by representative of the Associated Press as

to the general banking altuation said:
"Of course bank failures are me Of course bank failures are more of east disquieting, but those which have occurred recently have futle or no general significance attached to them, they were due largely to local causes, wholly unconnected with the seneral condution of the banks through the country at large. The case of the Atlas bank was not a return at the case of the Atlas bank was

Washington, December 20.—Comparallet Eckels has received a dispatch announcing

on. The comptremer across which read a lot of allow assets, on which read oney could not be realised, and he say is has been the cause of most of the re ent bank fallures.

CONDITION OF THE BANK.

Minneapolis, Minn., December 29 - Th ion, of comparatively recent establishmen bank examiner. According to its isst state ment, it had loans and investments of \$884. ment, it had learn and investments of \$784, 145; United States bonds to secure circulation \$50,000; real estate and mortifactes \$18,000, due from other haras, \$12,307, cash reserve, \$14,172 other cash items, \$13,852; National bank notes cutstandian, \$15,000; due other hardes, \$19,572, deposition albiest to check, \$101,507; certificates of deposit, \$65,504 certificates of deposit, \$65,504 certificates and fashed checks \$22,21; bulls mayable \$15,000.

deposit, 30, ad certified and analysis the Assault bills payable, \$15,000.

Cashier Bobleter said this morning: "We could have stood the pressure a little longer, but to protect the majority we closed this morning. We have \$13,000 cash in the

action was anticipated by all parties to corrected and the suspension will not cause my further trouble. All of the National banks of this city are in a very strong con-

Commercial Bank of Rosnoke.

Washington, December 29.—Comptroller Eckela received telegraphic notice today there that is affected, but it Eckels received telegraphic notice today if the Fox river properties that the Commercial National bank of sub-cubarmed. The allered Ronneke, Va., has closed its doors and suslionneke, Va., has closed its doors and suspended payment. Bank Examiner Sands was sent to take charge of the institution. The failure is not regarded as a verticular of the last report made Navember 21, showed the assets of the bank to be \$204.04, including its bends for circulation; size, \$100,000; surplus \$25,000, unlivided profits \$200.00.

Reanake, Va., December 29. -The Com-mercial bank of this city closed its doors his morning by order of the board of dictors. The cause of the crouble was a restors. The cause of the crouble was a beavy run on the bank yesterday by the depositors. On December 2.1. C. Javen-port, cashier, resigned, and his successor was elected. The matter was kept quiet matil Sunday night, when December left the city for his home in Charlestown, W. Va. it is mailed that as seen as it secures known a run was made and it was compelled to go to the wall. The officials say that the decembers will be paid in full. The lightlifles are about \$65,000, while the valuable assers are estimated to be worth more than double that amount. If, B. Trout, president of the First National bank.

the valuable assets are estimated to be worth more than double that amount. H. S. Trout, president of the First National bank, and T. T. Fishbura, president of the National Exchange bank, both express themselves as being of the opinion that the denestors will not less a dollar. This optimion is concurred in by pusiness men generally. The paid in each all took of the bank is \$100.00 and nearly three-quarters of the stock is held by men of large means, which will further manned the depositors against loss.

sets being \$600,000, and the liabilities \$100,-000. There is little stal estate among the former and they can be quickly sunverted into money.

LEARING HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT. Minnespolis, Minn., December 29.-The ollowing announcement was made by the clearing house committee this afternoon; The clearing house committee deem their duty to announce that their investitheir duty to announce that their investigations warrant them in advancing whatever sum of money may be needed by the
Swedish-American National bank to meet
promptly any calls upon them by depositors. This bank has an unusually large
available cash reserve, amounting to about
55 per cent of its obligations and its bills
toccivable are of such a class that we have
no hositation in saving that we will make
the necessary advances to meet all demands and that we do not look for further
trouble among the banks of this city.

The Cohn Schedule. Brenham, Texas, December 20.—Follow-

Cohn failure reported in today's Post; Class &-Eddins & Bryan, Reenham, \$256 Pirst National bank, Brenham, \$762.81; L Frich, trustee Houston, \$775, Mrs. R. hn, Brenham \$1300; Sanger Bros., Dallas

Williams-Richardson company, \$148.26; M. Humburger & Co., \$55.20; T. B. Smith & Co. 385. Total amount preferred, \$5788.21. No schedule of assets filed.

Mr. Cohen assigns as the cause of the failure a disposition of the creditors to crowd him and the fact that collections have been poor.

Lampasas, Texas, December 28 .-- Mr. C. filed a deed of assignment late Saturday National bank of Lampasas, Nathan & Manheimer, Dallas, Zaler & Stroth Millinery company, 18, \$58.81; Pratt Stores St. Leuis, \$88.87; Fratt, Simmons & Krous-mock, St. Louis, \$25.87; Englebari Davi-ton Mercantile company, St. Joseph, \$79.32; J. B. Rosenthal Millinery company, St. Louis, \$49.76, Total, \$1023.73, Assets, about \$1100.

Parmers Trust Company

Sloux City, Iowa, December 29.-The Parmers' Trust company has gone into the hands of a receiver. The appointment was made on application of V. T. Housinger, the president of the company Liabilities \$135,000 assets \$238,000 consisting prin-locally of notes, secured by real estate

New Lumber Yard. Caldwell, Texas, December 29, of the year causes a great deal of moving o and fro. Among other changes Caldwell

lumber yard in addiion to the aiready large one here. Winner & Hecht. Palestine, Texas, December 28.-Winner E Hecht, jewelers, filed a deed of trust to-

day, naming Charles Jacobs trustee, to secure creditors. Assets, \$2100; Habilities

Reinit Dry Goods. Parkersburg, W. Va., December 29.-Isaac Praguer & Sons, retail dry goods dealers nucleared today. Estimated liabilities, \$100, 00; assets about the same.

Jefferson, Texas, December 28.-C, C lones, a grocery merchant, was closed fatirday morning. W. B. Harper was ap-

ointed trustee

Retail Clothiers. Philadelphia, Pa., December 29,-M. Resemberg & Co., retail clothers, falled to day and the store was closed by the sheriff

SHORT NEWS STORIES.

MONTHEAL At a late hour tenght rehished Fabre was still alive, though a physicians say he has only a few ours to law.

Prance, tried for the murder of Little brought to a verifict of mur, the first degree.

ound deat in a vacant lot n the part of this sits a few weeks ago, a versite that Arisa ke died from disease and other probable causes

unknown.
STAMFORD. Coun. The condition of
Mns. Hearty Ward Beecher, whose lap was
broken by a fact Sunday morning, is ellizertaus. Her physician says that, while
there is no municipate danger, in view of
her miyate of age the changes for her recovery are about even.

CORBIN'S COLONY.

Nearly Four Hundred Italians Start

for Ackinsus.

New York, December 29.—Austin Corbin, several months before he died, founded an several months before he died, founded an agreeiteural colony near Heiens. Ark, Today, when inspector M. J. Renick of the contract bureau boarded the Kaiser Wilhelm II, he found 350 Italian men, women and children ticketed to Arkansas. He found that each adult had a collection of seeds, vines, shrinks and roots as well as a stock of agricultural implements. He telephoned to Ellis bland and was instructed to land the party there. Meanings word came from Washington that the colonists were to be admitted, as they were in no wise violators of the contract labor law.

Lost. Charles Giddings, an unfortunate man o unsound mind, was lost from home Sunday. He is 49 years old; has black eyes and mir; is about 5 feet 10 inches high and seighs about 19) pounds. When he let nome he had a silver-headed came with his rame on R. Any information leading to his restoration to his family will be lib-erally rewarded. Address Helier Stone or D. E. Tague, Brenham, Texas.

An Erroneous Report.

New York, December 29.—It was errone-ously reported in some of the press dis patches from this city that on Christmas night the Solmer Plane company had beer turned out. This report was owing to the fact that a plane company on Thirty-thire street was burned out, whose company name was confounded with the Sohmer

Shot His Brother-in-Law.

Paris, Ark., December 29.—While a trial Due Churchwell shot and killed his brother-in-law. Bob. Davis. Davis was on the stand giving testimony which Churchwell did not like.

City of Mexico, December 29.—Report from the coffee districts show that the crop will be a very heavy one and planters are going to have the most prosperous year THE PRINCESS IN HUNGARY

Her Presence With the Gypsy Creates a Sensation.

NEWS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Impassioned Speeches Against Over taxation in Ireland-New Servian Cablnet Formed-A Bog Slide.

Buda Pesth, December 23.-The presence formerly Miss Clara Ward, an helress of Detroit, Mich., who cloped from Paris last summer with a Hungarian Gypsy musician named Janesi Rigo, has caused a censation in certain circles. The princess vester. day received a delegation of the press association, to whom she spoke in the freest manner. She said it was incorrect to sug. gest that her busband, a Belgian nobleman of French extraction, had behaved in an ungentlemanly manner toward her. On th contrary, she insisted that the prince had always conducted himself as a gentleman. But he was of a cold, reserved nature, and was always more at his club or on the

turf than with his family.

The couple have two children living. The princess was asked why she left her husband and replied:

band and replied:

"That is a remarkable story. I have also ever been poor.

"Williner Assigns.

Lampasas, Texas, Docember 28.—Mr. C.

Witcher, doing a millinery business led a deed of assignment late Saturday left. J. P. Word, assignee. Crediters

E. First National bank of Lampasas, 1909. Nathan & Manhelmer, Dallas, word to Park You know."

went to l'aris. The rest you know."

In conclusion the princess said:

'I should like very much to see my chil, dren again, but the law has given them to their father. I, on the other hand, have given up half of my income, \$15,000, for their education, I shall remain two months.

"high personage" referred to by the parties party at Lacker, the rotal park and pulsee pear Brussels. The suit for divorce instituted by the prince against his wife is now in progress at Charlerot, Belgium. They first met at Nice and were married in the presence of the United States and British ambassadotz.

Rigo is now said to be trying to induce his wife to commune divorce proceedings.

Rigo is now said to be trying to induce his wife to commence divorce proceedings against him, promising her a large sum of money if she will do so. It is added, however, trat the deserted woman returns to take this sten, as it would enable Rigo to marry the princess.

London, December 30, "The Standard's Vicona correspondent gives the details of aman, accorded the newspaper correspondgiven. From these it appears that she arrived in Paris at the one of 16 with ber mother. Her first suffer was a German aptain named Von Heffels, whom she rejected. She made the acquaintance of the Prince of Chima-Caraman at the residence of the United States consul. She accepted the prince's soft, the mother and daughter batting made a wager between themselves that he would propose will him two months. The princess state in her interviews that

Protest Against Overtaxation.

presided today at a meeting here of all one agreed upon at the Mansion house. Dublin, meeting of yesterday, was adopted calling upon the government to remedy the financial injustice done Ireland by overtaxation. Bishop O'Dwyer, who was the
chief speaker, exhorted frishmen to stand
together in the spirit of the words of Lord
Castleton, untered at Cork on December 3,
when he denounced the obstinacy of the
British treasury officials in refusing to
right the grievances of the Irish in respect
to taxation. Lord Castleton upon that occasion said he hoped history might repeat
itself and the people of Cork follow the example of the recopic of Boston in 1773,
when they threw a cargo of tea into the
harbor as a protest against unjust taxation.
John Daly, the Irish agitator, recently
released from prison, said that Lord Castleton's declaration that he would have truth
and justice on his side or do as the people
in America had done, sent a thrill through
the country, and he hoped the meeting
would declare that if Lord Castleton was
true to himself and treiand history might
yet proclaim him the successor of the great
and ilinstrious Washington. (Cheers.) financial injustice done Ireland by over-

Bog Slide Caused Damage.

Dublin, December 29.—During the past night and this morning the box slide at Castle Island, county Kerry, continued unchecked. A copious rain was falling, which mile and a half wide, roars like the ocean and carried away bridges and roads, doatroxing houses and farms. It swept through the Flesk valley and emptied carcasses of
cows, sheep and denkeys and debris of
houses into the lake at Killarney.

The people living in the direction in
which the bog slide is conding have fled,
and the police are searching for bodies
everywhere.

The greatest excitement prevails in the
vicinity and all the houses are epen to
receive the hundreds of people rendered
homeless by the diasster. nile and a half wide, roars like the ocean

homeless by the disaster.

The movement ceased tonight. Two hodies have been found, a mile distant from the scene of the disaster.

Mexican Improvement.

San Diego, Cal., December 29.- The Mexican government, recognizing the increasng importance of its west coast commerce, is determined to improve the harbors. Aris determined to improve the harbors. Arrangements have been made to raise a constiterable sum for this important work, in addition to the \$5,000,000 for the improvement of the Coatanosics and Saline Cruz, eastern and western terminus of the Tehuantepec road. The move to improve the harbors was also caused by the rapidity of reflecad building toward the Mexican Paofile coast, which will open up a fertile

country and develop a large commerce MADDOX PUNCTURED A TIRE cordance with the government's plan an eminent engineer has been sent to the west-ern coast to inspect al harbors and reter-mine which shall be improved and to what

Montreal, December 29 .- A meeting of liberal leaders has been called to meet in the city of Quebec January 7 to discuss the politic-religious situation which has arisen. All the leaders of the province will arisen. All the leaders of the province will be present and while a firm stand will be taken against the attitude of the bishops in claiming the right to interfere in political matters they will be treated with respect and Mr. Laurier is auxious that no extreme or offensive language shall be used. The discussion that will take place will include the whole history of the school question and the interference of the bishoms. question and the interference of the bishops in the late election.

Conspiracy Against Spain.

Manilla, capital of the Phillipine Islands. say a conspiracy against the Spanish government has been discovered in the province of Bulucan. Many notables have been arrested and a quantity of arms been seized in an engagement between the Spanish and the insurgents, north of Manilla, the latter are said to have lost 138 men.

Envoys' Demand Granted.

Belgrade, Servia, December 29.-A new cabinet has been formed, in which M. Simicis is premier and minister of foreign af-

fairs, and Miskovich is minister of war, M. Vuelca minister of finance, and M. George vitch minister of the Interior. Gladstone's Birthday London, December 29. The birthday of

Right Hon, William E. Gladstone was celchrated at Hawarden today. There was the

usual flood of telegrams and letters from home and abroad. The veteran statesman was enjoying excellent health. The Plague in India. Bombay, December 25. During the past twenty-four hours the health officers have

recorded 187 cases of the Bubonic plague. In the same period thirteen deaths from that disease have occurred.

stroyed the town of Novertire, N. S. W. It is feared that several persons have been killed.

Holldays on the Exchange and Saturday will be observed as holidays

relations between Peru and Bollyia are strained owing to an invasion of the Portuyian frontier by a Bolivian force.

CHANGES IN PROCEDURE.

New Rules Adopted for Use in the Pension Bureau. Washington, December 29.-Two radical changes in the procedure of the pension of crease save in extraordinary cases here after will be sent direct to the medical dipassed by the board of directors, as bas passed by the board of directors, as has been the custom for years. This action is taken on the ground that the bulk of in-crease cases involve only medical action and that much routine in going through other channels of review will be saved. Another step in the simplification and quicker adjudication of claims is that hereafter there will be no necessity for here of all similar to cases before the board of review passed upon by three or four examiners passed upon by three or four examinera. This has been a long continued practice, but Commissioner Murphy has fixed the number of examiners who must review each rlaim at two. This, he thinks, will minimize errors and delay and be of benefit to the board. The new rules are in line with a decision to abolish abuses in pension adjudication.

The West Indies.

Atlanta Constitution. Only a few years ago Spain owned the entire West Indies. One by one, however, she has relinquished her grasp upon these fair islands, until now her possessions are restricted to only two of them-Cuba and

Porto Rico. As to the other members of the group they belong severally to England, France,

Helland and Denmark. Two of the Islands, however, are not included in this division, as they are separate and independent. These are Hayti and San Domingo.

Among the British possessions in the West Indies are Jamaica, the Bahamas, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, the Barbadoes, St. Christopher, Nevis, Antigua, Montserrat, Dominica, Trinidad and the Virginia islands.

lands.
The Gaudelouse archipelago is owned by France, together with St. Batholemew and Martinique. On the latter island Emhelped the movement. The mass of bog, a press Josephine first saw the light of day

and lived until her 16th year.

Five members of the group belong to Holland. These are Curacoa, Bonsire, Aruba, St. Eustatius and St. Martin. Though small islands, they are well populated and fertile.

uiated and fertile.

The Danish possessions are Santa Cruz, St. Thomas and St. John.

Grouping these several possessions together they embrace \$2,270 kquare miles of land and sustain 5,079,638 inhabitants. Of this aggregate. Great Britain controls 12,000 square miles and 1,300,000 inhabitants; France 1163 square miles and 500,000 inhabitants; Holland 434 square miles and 50,000 inhabitants. Holland 434 square miles and 60,000 inhabitants; Holland 434 square miles and 40,000 inhabitants. The two independent slands, Haytl and San Domingo, contain 23,000 square miles and 1,000,000 inhabitants.

White Cuba and Porto Rice are now under dominion of Spain, it will be only a

White Cuba and Porto Rico are now un-der dominion of Spain, it will be only a short time before they acquire their inde-pendence. If Hayti and San Domingo can sustain independent self-governments there is no reason why Cuba and Porto Rico can not do the same. These islands contain 40,000 square miles and 2,225,000 inhabit-able.

The German Gained Two Laps and Led the Race.

BALL AND LINTON BREAK RECORDS

Football Between Missourians and Texans in Mexico-The Sport Regarded as Brutal-Races.

Washington, December 29.-Walter, the German, held the advantage by two laps over Maddox, the American, at the close tonight of the second day's racing, eight hours per day, contost at Convention hall. The two men have kept almost neck and neck during the long ride until today, when Maddox punctured his tire and lost when Maddox punctured his tre and lost two laps. He made a desperate effort to make up the loss sustained, but was un-able to do so. The two weakest men-dropped by the wayside today, after postaling as long as they could stand the ter-rife pace set by the leaders. These two rific pace set by the leaders. These two were Schock and Albert, who threw up the sponge and left the track to the remaining

Constantinople, December 29.—The porte has granted the demand of the envoys of France and Italy that their dragomans be presented at the trial of Mazhar Bey.

Mazhar Bey is charged with being responsible for the murder of Father Salvatore, and Italian priest, who was killed in the convent of Jenefickele, at Maiash, in 1885, by Turkish troops, under Bey's command.

New Cabinet Formed.

Belgrade, Servia, December 29.—A new this service and Linton reduced his three-mile indoor record from 32 to 28 three-mile indoor record from 742 to 7395.

IN A PRIVATE PARLOR.

Richte Knocked Out Jack Manson of "San Autone." St. Louis Republic,

There was quite a pleasant tittle prize fight brought off in the cardiac region of St. Louis vesterlay afternoon, The prin-cipals were John H. Ricine, a well known kical scrapper, and Jack Manson, who claims to be a son of the Lone Star State, balling from "San Antone." Richle w was not so bad, but it did look as if Muncuss. Both men weighed 100 pounds. The Texan had the less of the first two rounds. He is a lad lanky and long of

Steamer Lost.

Bilbos, Spain, December 29.—The steamer Caranza, from Rotterdam, is reported to tally lost off Cape Abjos. Six members of the erew were saved and fifteen are missing.

Famine in Russia.

St. Petersburg, December 29.—Famine is provailing in the province of Kharson. It is estimated that 75,000 routles will be raised for the relief of the sufferers.

Cyclone in New South Wales.
London, December 29.—A Me'hourne dizpatch to the Times says a cyclone has dostroyed the town of Novertire, N. S. W. It is stroyed the town of Novertire of Novertire of the river of the

choristers.

The fight took place for a small purse and a good time. About 100 men, all well known in business circles put up \$2.50 each to see the fun. The contest took place in a spacious parior of a private residence, the floor of which not long ago was the scome of a very swell somety function.

FITZ CALLED DOWN.

New Orleans, La., December 29.—Weightreool, track fast, Seven-eighths of a mile—Mollie B., Life

Seven-eighths of a mile-Mollie B., Little Billy, Whiff. Time, 1:28.

Three-quarters of a mile-Sugar Cane,
Little Buck, Elkins, Time, 1:15%,
Mile and twenty yarts-Trilly, Marquise,
Sobriquet, Time, 1:35%,
Seven-eighths of a mile-Hilly Billy, Viscount, Pelleas, Time, 1:25%,
Six furious-Halloween, Laurada, Ida
Wagner, Time, 1:35%,
Six furious-Tenochtitlan, Emma Lee,
Judge Bullock, Time, 1:15%,

On Oakland Track.

San Prancisco, Cal., December 29.—Track moddy; weather cloudy. Three-quarters of a mile—Pat Murphy, Banjo, Harry O. Time, 1:19.

Mile-Sweet Favordale, Torsino, Cap-Seven-eighths of a mile—Acquinas, Hward S, Casper, Time, 1:4%, Seven-eighths of a mile—Acquinas, Hward S, Casper, Time, 1:23, Seven-eighths of a mile—Reddington, Hazard, Woodchopper, Time, 1:22%, Three-quarters of a mile—Lucky Dbg, Yemen, Toano, Time, 1:184.

Pootball in Mexico.

City of Mexico Lecember 2.—The Misseouri State University team played a game of football teday at the Indianilla grounds. their contestants being the Texas State University team. Neither side scored in either the first or second half. One player named Tucker was seriously injured in the back of the neck by a kick. It is not know how badly he is hurt. The great elevation was seriously felt by the players, who easily lost their wind. The specim-

TO HELP DUBOIS.

Letters to Idaho Democrats Urge Mis Washington, December 29, Senator Du. bols and C. A. Walsh, secretary of the dem-

scratic National committee, have gone to Idaho to conduct a canvass in aid of the former for re election. The democratic senators here have united in a letter to the democrats of Idaho urging Dubois' re-election.

When asked today what part the dem-

When asked today what part the democratic National committee would take in the Idaho contest, Chairman Jones, chairman of that committee had had no meeting and could not act as such, but several of its members and many of the leading democrats of the country had expressed themselves as desirous of promoting Dubols wishes in every way possible.

"We consider." he says, "that Senator Dubols and the element he represents were of material assistance to us in the late campaign and it for one, feel as anxious that Dubols should be returned to the sonate as though he were a democrat. The drimocratic senators feel thus about the matter and they have united in a letter to the Idaho democrats, expressing their opinion to this effect, We feel that no effort that can prohably be made should be neg, lected in Dubols behalf and will continue our exertions in his interest as long as there is any likelihood of success."

WANTED AT ABILENE.

Young Faulk Admits Having Forged

the Checks.

Los Angeles, Cal., December 22.—Some weeks ago the sheriff received notice to look out for J. V. Faulk, the son of a prominent South Carolina farmer, who is wanted in Abslene, Texas, for alleged forg-

wanted in Abilene, Texas, for alloged forgery. The police got track of the young fellow at North Fomona, fellowed him to Idahe, and ledged him in 1341 here.
Faulk has made a confession to Sheriff Burt. He stated that he was harely 21 years of age and the son of wealthy South Carolina people, and that he was associated with a Texas acquaintance he had made on the day after leaving home. He does not deep forging the checks for \$300, but claims he got but \$25 of the amount. It the matter can not be settled by his lather repaying the amount, he mays he will plead guilty to the charge.

Still Harping on My Daughter, Washington Post.

Those esteemed mugwumps, the Boston Herald and the Springfield Republican. continue to puzzle themselves and strain their minds over certain features of late election. The Herald, for example, suys:

"We referred, some time since, to the extraordinary size of the vote of the State of Ohio. That of Indiana is now attracting notice, and an inspection of it brings still more amazing results. Moreton Frewen has been lately calling attention to it in England. It appears that there were, according to the census of Indiana in 1890, 505,066 males over the age of 21 in that State. Of these 5187 were aliens who had not the right to vote, which left 499,879 possible legal voters. The vote cast at the late election amounted to 637,-284. The State has increased in population since that time, but, assuming that every man in it cligible to the suffrage voted it seems almost incredible that the vote could voting in the States of Illinois and Ohlo in comparison with the census of 1890, the refraudulent voting in all these States. The excess of the vote of Illinois over the ceu-Cornishman Eat Crow.

The night before he left San Francisco.

Hob Fitzsimmons is said to have been given a good dressing down in Tom Mutqueen, a friend of Jim Corbett's, for making some uncomplimentary remarks regarding the elever Californian.

Mulqueen was talking to some friends in a saloon when Fitzsimmons and Martin Julian entered and took some drinks. A conversation.

medical actions as a subsection of the subsectio the largest vote ever given to any candidate in that State. This year, however, Mr. Bryan, although he exceeded Bushnell's yole of 1835 by 53,000, was beaten 48,000 by Mr. McKinley. Here is an increase of 101,000 votes within a twelvemonth. We gaze upon the showing with respectful amazement, but we are not distressed and mystified in the same degree as our esteemed mugwump contemporaries. We recall certain supernatural occurrences in such States as Indiana. To one of these miracles we remember inviting attention at the time—the miracle of the restoration to life of a voter in the town of Aurora. This clitzen had died on November 2, and had been duly laid out and "waked" by his friends, but about 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning—election day—he suddenly jumped out of his coffin, swore that he'd he eternally liggered if he didn't vote for McKinley before they burled him, and accordingly went to the poils and cast his bailot. And there were others. All through the Ohio, Indiana and Illinois belt men ross from their graves, or suddenly regained their intellectual equilibrium, or were released from prison, or prematurely resched the voting age. It was a day of resurrection, of fail deliveries, of insane asylum depopulation, and of precoclous maturity. It was a day of miracles and portents. If Mr. Moreton Frewen understood the canabilities of the American people—which, being an Englishman, of course he can not—he would have spared himself these furtile struggles with election figures and saved the worthy Boston Herald and the venerable Springfield Republican a great deal of unnecessary perturbation.

Felt Doubly Honored. Sunset Signal.

The Signal was pleasantly surprised when that great paper. The Houston Post, reprinted some of our alleged humorous stories, but when our own St. Jo Herald did the like honor (think of a prophet having honor in his own county), the Signal felt puffed up. And our little fun has not been written to catch the eye of fame (fickle jake), but just to please the "chillun." when that great paper, The Houston Post,

Commercial Travelers Meet.
St. Louis, Mo., December 29.—The annual meeting of the Western Commercial Travelers' association was held here today, with a large number of members in attendance. The report of the financial committee showed that the balance on hand is \$29,429, no liabilities. The amount nait beneficiaries during the year was \$99,525, and the number of death assessments 22. The operating expenses were \$4966. The reserve fund amounts to \$65,500. Horsford's Acid Phosphate.

Dr. A. E. Carothers, San Antonio, Tegas says: "It is the best tonio I know of is debility and nervous progration, wa-siceplesaness, caused by mental oversors or prolonged lactation."